INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Form PTO-1449 (Modified) (Use several sheets if necessary)				COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
				Application Number	09/937,839
				Filed	February 21, 2002
				First Named Inventor	Yasufumi Kaneda
				Group Art Unit	1635
				Examiner Name	Whiteman, B.
				Atty Dkt No.	59150-8010
Sheet 1 of 1				Confirmation No.	7050

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent or Application NUMBER	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Inventor of Cited Document	Date of Publication or Filing Date of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Figures Appear
BV		5,683,866		Sarkar *et al.*	11/4/97	class 435 subclass 5

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Cite No.	Foreign Patent or Application Office	NUMBER	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or Filing Date of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Figures Appear	T
BV		EP	0 555 333	B1	Schreier *et al.*	12/27/95		

OTHER PRIOR ART-NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
Brian Whiteman	12/15/03

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not criteria is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant(s).